

1. – 42. (Canceled).

43. (New) A media system comprising:

network;

a plurality of media devices, coupled to said network, comprising at least a first media device and a second media device;

said first media device for discovering audio – video content on said second media device;

said second media device for providing to said first media device audio – video content;

said network for transferring said audio – video content from said second media device to said first media device; and

said first media device for receiving said audio – video content and for playing said audio – video content at said first media device.

44. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said audio – video content comprises audio.

45. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 44, wherein said first media device comprises a set-top box and an audio system.

46. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said audio – video content comprises video.

47. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 46, wherein said first media device comprises a set-top box and a television.

48. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said second media device comprises storage for storing said audio – video content at said second media device.

49. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said second media device comprises content acquisition for acquiring said audio – video content external to said network.

50. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said first media device further comprising an interface for receiving user input to select audio – video content available on said media system.

51. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 50, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving remote control signals.

52. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 50, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving control signals from another media device.

53. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 50, further comprising control access at said first media device for identifying said user and for restricting access to said audio – video content available based on said user.

54. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, further comprising software for organizing said audio – video content.

55. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 43, wherein said first or second media device comprises a personal computer.

56. (New) A media system comprising:

network;

a plurality of media devices, coupled to said network, comprising at least a first media device and a second media device;

said first media device for discovering said second media device as a playback device of audio – video content;

said first media device for providing to said second media device audio – video content;

said network for transferring said audio – video content from said first media device to said second media device; and

said second media device for receiving said audio – video content and for playing said audio – video content at said second media device.

57. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said audio – video content comprises audio.

58. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 57, wherein said

second media device comprises a set-top box and an audio system.

59. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said audio – video content comprises video.

60. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 59, wherein said second media device comprises a set-top box and a television.

61. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said first media device comprises storage for storing said audio – video content at said first media device.

62. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said first media device comprises content acquisition for acquiring said audio – video content external to said network.

63. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said first media device further comprising an interface for receiving user input to select audio – video content available on said media system.

64. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 63, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving remote control signals.

65. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 63, wherein said interface for receiving user input comprises an interface for receiving control signals from another media device.

66. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 63, further comprising control access at said first media device for identifying said user and for restricting access to said audio – video content available based on said user.

67. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, further comprising software for organizing said audio – video content.

68. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 56, wherein said first media device comprises a personal computer.

69. (New) A media system comprising:

network;

a plurality of consumer electronic devices coupled to said network;

storage device coupled said network;

first set-top box, coupled to a first consumer electronic device, for discovering audio – video content on said storage device;

said storage device for providing to said first set-top box audio – video content;

said network for transferring said audio – video content from said storage device to said first set-top box; and

said first set-top box for receiving said audio – video content and for playing said audio – video content at said first consumer electronic device.

70. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 69, wherein said

storage device comprises a personal computer.

71. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 69, wherein said audio – video content comprises audio.

72. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 71, wherein said first consumer electronic device comprises an audio system.

73. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 71, wherein said storage device comprises an compact audio disc player comprising at least one CD.

74. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 69, wherein said audio – video content comprises video.

75. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 74, wherein said first consumer electronic device comprises a television.

76. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 74, wherein said storage device comprises a DVD player comprising at least one DVD.

77. (New) A media system comprising:

network;

a plurality of consumer electronic devices coupled to said network;

storage device coupled said network;

first set-top box coupled to a storage device;

said first set-top box for discovering at least one consumer electronic device as a playback device of audio – video content;

    said first set-top box for providing to said consumer electronic device audio – video content from said storage device;

    said network for transferring said audio – video content from said storage device to said consumer electronic device; and

    said consumer electronic device for receiving said audio – video content and for playing said audio – video content.

78. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 77, wherein said storage device comprises a personal computer.

79. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 77, wherein said audio – video content comprises audio.

80. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 79, wherein said consumer electronic device comprises an audio system.

81. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 79, wherein said storage device comprises an audio compact disc player comprising at least one audio CD.

82. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 77, wherein said audio – video content comprises video.

83. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 82, wherein said consumer electronic device comprises a television.

84. (New) The media system as set forth in claim 82, wherein said storage device comprises a DVD playing comprising at least one DVD.